

January 25, 1994    LB 219, 322, 737, 923

SPEAKER WITHEM:    If there is no objection, it will be so ordered.

CLERK:    Mr. President, your Committee on Education reports LB 923 to General File with amendments, that's signed by Senator Bohlke as Chair.    Appropriations Committee gives notice of hearing on various state agencies.    Senator Landis amendments to LB 219 and Senator Hall to LB 322 to be printed.    That's all that I have, Mr. President.    (See pages 483-85 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM:    Thank you, Mr. Clerk.    We are now then back to Select File.    LB...consideration of LB 737.    Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:    Mr. President, I have other amendments.    I have, however, a priority motion.    Senator Bromm would move to bracket LB 737 until February 1, 1994.

SPEAKER WITHEM:    Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM:    Thank you, Mr. Speaker.    Colleagues, the bracket motion is not offered with the intent to impede or to necessarily defeat LB 737.    I'm on the Natural Resources Committee.    I want you to know that this is not the first plan that Senator Beutler came with on reorganizing the commissioner districts.    As he's told you, this was the result of compromise and discussion in the Natural Resources Committee.    I think myself and the other committee members felt that it was a reasonable compromise.    However, I think in the last few hours we've seen some information presented to us, not necessarily by your typical lobbyist type organizations, but by people who are sincerely interested and involved in the management of the Game and Parks resources, including the commissioners themselves, including commissioners from urban areas.    This thing has degenerated into what some are characterizing as a rural-urban split, and I don't think that's accurate at all.    I think that what we're dealing with here is how do we manage these resources in the best manner possible for future generations.    That's what I think we should be interested in.    And whether you're from the city or from the farm, I think that's what we are interested in, ultimately.    Now, the reason for the bracket motion is, and I've discussed this with Senator Beutler, is to give us one week for the committee to get back together and go eyeball to eyeball with these people that have surfaced this morning with objections, specifically the commissioners, and discuss their